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August 13, 2026

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Culture Craft Cannabis Collective LLC
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Re: **NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION -** INITIAL AGENCY DECISION REGARDING IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST CULTURE CRAFT CANNABIS COLLECTIVE LLC

Dear [redacted]:

The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("NJ-CRC" or "Commission") has imposed a civil monetary penalty of $12,500.00 for the reasons articulated below.

NJ-CRC's Issuance of Notice of Violation

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.4(a), during an onsite assessment, a review of financial records, or other Commission review of the license holder and its operations, if the Commission identifies a violation of the Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, P.L.2021, c.16, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31 et seq., (the "Act") or the implementing Personal-Use Cannabis Rules (the "Personal-Use Regulations"), the Commission shall provide notice of the violation, including an official written report of the findings and the nature of the violation, to the cannabis business or testing laboratory within seven business days following the onsite assessment or other identification of the violation.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30- 11.8(a), the expiration date is the date after which usable cannabis or a cannabis product shall not be sold. The expiration date shall be determined from the date the usable cannabis is cultivated or cannabis product is manufactured.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30- 11.8(c)(2), in the absence of stability testing information pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.5 that is applicable to a specific usable cannabis or cannabis product, the following are the maximum expiration dates for cannabis products that are packaged in airtight, light-resistant containers and stored at controlled room temperature, unless otherwise indicated at (c)1 below:

2. For all other formulations and for usable cannabis, the expiration date shall not be later than six months from the manufacture or cultivation date.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30- 16.3(b)(3), direct printing on the package of, or labels affixed to, unusable cannabis packaged for the purposes of manufacturing of cannabis items shall include the following consumer safety and product information:

3. Production or harvest date

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30- 19.5(g), the cannabis business shall report the findings of the stability testing to the Commission, to ensure that usable cannabis and cannabis product purity and potency are maintained throughout the storage process without the stored products falling out of specification.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(b)(4), direct printing on the package of, or labels affixed to, unusable cannabis packaged for the purposes of manufacturing of cannabis items shall include the following consumer safety and product information:

4. Expiration date, consistent with the requirements at N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.8

On June 16, 2026, a Notice of Violation was issued to Culture Craft Cannabis Collective LLC ("Culture Craft") for extending the expiration date of usable cannabis without properly conducting the required stability test and without obtaining the necessary authorization from the Commission. Additionally, Culture Craft Cannabis Collective labels displayed incorrect harvest and expiration dates.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.4(b), unless otherwise specified by the Commission, within 20 business days of receipt of the notice of violation, the cannabis business or testing laboratory shall correct the violation(s) and notify the Commission, in writing, of any corrective actions taken to correct the violations, and the date of implementation of such corrective actions. Culture Craft Cannabis Collective responded to the Notice of Violation and provided a corrective action plan within 20 days of receipt of the Notice of Violation.

NJ-CRC's Review of Imposition of Sanctions

Regardless of whether a license holder provides a corrective action plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.5(a), in response to a violation of any provision of the Act or the Personal-Use Regulations, the Commission is authorized to take enforcement action or impose sanctions upon a license holder. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, civil monetary penalties; suspension, revocation, non-renewal, or denial of a license; referral to State or local law enforcement, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6, -20.7, and -20.8; or any combination thereof.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(b), a monetary penalty imposed by the Commission on a license holder pursuant to this subchapter may not exceed $500,000 per major violation or $50,000 per any other license violation. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(c), a violation by each entity or person per day shall constitute a separate incident for the purposes of calculating the number of violations.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(d), the Commission may impose greater penalties for successive violations up to the maximum amounts.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(f), the Commission may, in the Commission's sole discretion, consider additional factors in determining the penalty for each violation. Such factors may include, but are not limited to:

1. Any prior violations that the license holder has admitted to or was found to have engaged

in;
2. Good faith measures by the license holder to self-report or prevent the violation;
3. The license holder's record of compliance with the laws and rules pertaining to personal use cannabis;
4. Corrective action(s) taken by the license holder related to the current violation or prior violations;
5. Willfulness and deliberateness of the violation;
6. Likelihood of reoccurrence of the violation; and
7. Violations involving damage or danger to the life, health, welfare, safety, or property of any person.

After completing a thorough review of Culture Craft's violations for extending the expiration date of usable cannabis without properly conducting the required stability test and without obtaining the necessary authorization from the Commission. Additionally, Culture Craft Cannabis Collective labels displayed incorrect harvest and expiration dates, the Commission has determined to impose a civil monetary penalty of $12,500.00. The Commission's assessment of the civil monetary penalty is detailed below:

1. Violation 1: N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.8(a) - $0.00
2. Violation 2: N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.8(c)(2) - $0.00
3. Violation 3: N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(b)(3) - $2,500.00
4. Violation 4: N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.5(g) - $5,000.00
5. Violation 5: N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(b)(4) - $5,000.00

In determining the penalty, the Commission considered where applicable, the license holder's history of violations, penalties previously imposed on businesses for similar violations and the particular facts and circumstances of the violation. The Commission finds the imposed penalty to be fair, reasonable, and consistent with the regulations at N.J.A.C. 17:30.

Next Steps

Fines must be paid online by logging into the Commission's licensing portal at https://nj-crc-public.nls.egov.com/login. If you feel you cannot pay the fine within 30 days of the date of this notice, you are encouraged to contact the Commission to establish a payment plan.

Please inform your assigned investigator when payment has been made.

If you wish to contest the imposition of this penalty, you may request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and 52:14F-1 et seq., to contest the Commission's imposition of a civil monetary penalty for any license violation within 14 days of receipt of this initial decision. If you wish to exercise your right to a hearing, such a request must be made in writing and sent to:

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Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please submit your inquiry to the NJ-CRC Licensing inbox at crc.licensing@crc.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson
New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission